

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, November 1, 1899

Beinn Bhreagh, Victoria County, Cape Breton, N.S. Nov. 1. 1899. Dear Alec

I hope that you wont think of coming in to day. I fear however that you will be driven nearly desperate for want of something to read, so I am sending you some thing. We are all well, and no important letters seem to have come. I will look. There is a diphtheria scare in town. People say now that Bethune's boy that died a fortnight ago died of the discease, and a second one is now dying. They have closed the academy and the Library, but I think only as a precautionary measure.

There is a letter from Mr Booth with checks for you to sign, and one from Mr McGee saying that the Geographic never was doing so well before, the paper succeeding beyond their most sanguine expectations etc.

At the meeting Saturday they raised a lt of money for the nurse, so I gave them the same amount again. There was quite a good deal of enthusiasm manifested for the nurse, and there is no doubt that both doctors and people have come to appreciate the value of a nurse. She is now with Dr Bethune's boy, and other people are waiting impatiently for her. After the meeting had finished with the nurse Dr Mc\$onald proposed resolutions of godspeed for our one CapeBreton hero, and on Miss McCurdy's motion they decided to send him a purse. I headed the list with twenty-five dollars, and Mrs Kennan followed with five, and the total amount sent him was fifty dollars Mr Atwater was evidently much pleased, and telegraphed that he hoped to do the people of Baddeck much honor.

Angus is waiting, we miss you very much.